



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT KARL SAGSTETTER

Chief Master Sgt. Karl Sagstetter is the Command Chief Master Sergeant of Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. Air University is comprised of 28,000 personnel who implement Air Force educational activities impacting 350,000 students annually. He advises the commander on issues related to enlisted leadership, education and training, morale, quality of life, policy, guidance, and resources. Prior to his assignment at Air University, Chief Sagstetter served as the command chief for the 48<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing. A Wisconsin native, Chief Sagstetter graduated from Wausau East High School in 1981. The chief has performed a number of leadership roles within the maintenance community at unit and command levels.



#### EDUCATION:

1984 NCO Preparatory Course, Reese AFB, Texas  
1988 USAFE NCO Leadership School, Lindsey Air Station, Germany  
1990 U.S. Air Forces in Europe NCO Academy, Kapaun Air Station, Germany  
1991 Associates degree in aircraft accessory systems technology, Community College of the Air Force  
1994 Bachelors degree in professional aeronautics, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University  
1997 U.S. Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Gunter AFB, Ala.  
1998 Masters degree in organizational management, University of Phoenix  
2005 Leadership Development, Center for Creative Leadership, San Diego, Calif.

#### ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 1981 – March 1981, student, Air Force Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas
2. March 1981 – May 1981, student, Aircrew Egress Systems Technician School, Chanute AFB, Ill.
3. May 1981 – July 1986, aircrew egress systems technician, 64th Field Maintenance Squadron, Reese AFB, Texas
4. July 1986 – June 1987, NCO in charge egress section, 64th Field Maintenance Squadron, Reese AFB, Texas
5. June 1987 – December 1990, aircrew egress systems technician, 36th Component Repair Squadron, Bitburg Air Base, Germany
6. December 1990 – May 1991, assistant NCO in charge and NCO in charge, egress systems section, 4404th Tactical Fighter Wing [Provisional] Al Kharj AB, Saudi Arabia
7. May 1991 – June 1992, assistant NCO in charge and NCO in charge, egress systems section, 36th Component Repair Squadron, Bitburg AB, Germany
8. June 1992 – May 1994, egress section chief, 319th Maintenance Squadron, Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D.
9. May 1994 – September 1995, egress superintendent, and later egress section chief, 388th Maintenance Squadron, Hill AFB, Utah
10. September 1995 – July 1996, maintenance production superintendent, 388th Maintenance

Squadron, Hill AFB, Utah (egress section chief, Dharhan AB, Saudi Arabia, Feb – May 1996)  
11. July 1996 – December 1996, assistant first sergeant, 388th Maintenance Squadron, Hill AFB, Utah  
12. December 1996 – May 1998, accessory flight chief, 388th Maintenance Squadron, Hill AFB, Utah  
13. May 1998 – December 2000, aircraft systems superintendent, Logistics Directorate, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Randolph AFB, Texas  
14. December 2000 – July 2002, chief, command aircraft systems, Logistics Directorate, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Randolph AFB, Texas  
15. July 2002 – July 2003, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 8th Fighter Wing, Kunsan AB, Korea  
16. July 2003 – August 2005, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 48th Fighter Wing, RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom  
17. August 2005 – present, Command Chief Master Sergeant, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
John Levitow Award, NCO Preparatory Course, 1984  
Senior NCO of the Year, 319th Maintenance Squadron, 1993  
Lance P. Sijan Award, 388th Fighter Wing, 1997

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Airman, July 1981  
Airman First Class, January 1982  
Senior Airman, May 1984  
Staff Sergeant, July 1985  
Technical Sergeant, May 1990  
Master Sergeant, July 1993  
Senior Master Sergeant, March 1996  
Chief Master Sergeant, December 1999

(Current as of August 2005)